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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GETIN ET AL.

Examiner

Sang Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8 and 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 10-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/15/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION***Priority***

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

Claims 7 and 10-13 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim which depends from another multiple dependent claim should be object. See MPEP § 608.01(n).

Accordingly, the claims 7 and 10-13 have not been further treated on the merits.

With respect to dependent claims 7 and 10-13, applicant should be amended or canceled dependent claims to proper form independent claims.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 03/15/04 has been entered. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claimed invention of the present invention is a sample support for using a photothermal detection method to measuring or detecting probe beam from sample comprising a stack of thin dielectric layers forming a Bragg mirror supported on a substrate, and the sample supported on the Bragg mirror, wherein the stack of thin dielectric layers being used to reflect the pump beam.

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Unlike the prior art of Maris et al (5748317) teaches apparatus and method for measuring a sample thin film on the substrate by heating pulses into a thin film and optical measured the change in the temperature of the thin film (thermal detection method) but Maris et al does not teaches the claimed invention a stack thin dielectric layers forming a Bragg mirror is between the sample and substrate. The Liu et al reference does not teach of claimed invention of the present invention a stack thin dielectric layers forming a Bragg mirror and a photo-thermal detection method for measuring the sample on the Bragg mirror with a probe beam. Therefore, the claimed invention is novel and unobvious over the cited prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Claims 1-6 and 8-9 would be allowable if applicant would be rewritten or canceled claims 7 and 10-13 to overcome the object claims with the multiple dependent claims to under 37 CFR 1.75(c).

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

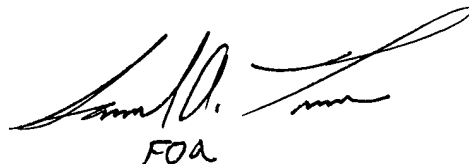
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sang Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2425. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am to 7:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext. 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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December 26, 2005
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